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Dear Bill:

I want to thank you very much for your letter of 16 March concerning [redacted]

Because of your interest in [redacted] I have given careful attention to his desire to return to the Agency. In the meantime, I have had our Personnel Director determine the employment opportunities for him. Needless to say, our people took note of his previous experience with us and we have given consideration to possible assignment to his former office. To improve efficiency and effect economies, I have instituted a program for the gradual reduction in the personnel of the Agency. Consequently, we are in general only hiring clerical personnel to keep abreast of the turnover in this field, a few selected trainees, and persons with certain specialized attainments in our particular fields of work. Therefore, at the present time we are unable to locate anything for him. I also find that [redacted] recently discussed with our Inspector General his chances of returning to the Agency and he was told at that time of our reduction program.

I greatly appreciate your bringing [redacted] to my personal attention and, if a suitable opening for him should develop, I shall, of course, be glad to advise you.

It was kind of you to write me as you did about Foster's illness. He is coming along and should be out of the hospital in the very near future.

With best wishes and warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dallas
Director

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P E R S O N A L

Dear Allen,

During the last session of Congress, while I was carrying on the heavy responsibilities as Minority Leader of the Senate and Senator from the second largest state of the Union, I was also involved as you recall in the campaign for Governor of California. At that time, my Administrative Assistant, James P. Gleason, felt that it was important that we augment our research staff and he recommended that we secure the services of [redacted] who was then connected with the CIA.

[redacted] came to us and had I been elected Governor of California I would have taken him into the State Administration at Sacramento.

When my term of office expired on January 3rd [redacted] employment terminated. Under the circumstances I do desire to see him employed. STAT

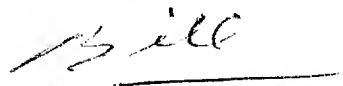
I would personally appreciate it very much if it was possible for him to be reinstated in the position he left with your organization or some comparable work.

In the 13 years that I served in the Senate and in the 6 years that I was both Majority and Minority Leader, I do not believe that up to now I have ever recommended to you anyone for employment in your organization. Now that I am out of the government however, I would personally appreciate your consideration of the above.

Needless to say, I have been greatly concerned by Foster's illness. Helen and I along with all other Americans have prayed for his recovery. I was pleased to note that he has been able to get out for several automobile rides and I had a very nice letter recently from Janet in response to a message we had sent to Foster.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,


William F. Knowland